



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,
and Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR MEETING

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

April 15, 2008

9:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Supervisor Vikki Bauer

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Bill Reid

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Reports given at end of meeting

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (**David Wilbrecht**)
ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.
David Wilbrecht,

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
M08-082 Regular Meeting of April 8, 2008.
Hazard/Hunt 5-0

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 9:05 a.m.

Break: 9:45 a.m.

Reconvene: 9:55 a.m.

- 3) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Sierra Center Mall, Mammoth Lakes, California. Agency negotiators: Dave Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Doheny V LLC. Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

- 4) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Facts and circumstances: Claim For Damages presented by David Schmidt (Claim No. CL08-05).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Brian Muir, Finance Director; Evan Nikirk, Public Works Director; Scott Burns, Community Development Director; Bob Musil, Assistant Assessor.

REGULAR AGENDA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

#	Received	Dated	From	Subject
5a)	4-4-08	4-1-08	Sherrie Koell, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Fish and Game Commission, to Mono County Board of Supervisors	Notices concerning the proposed regulatory action relating to nuisance Canada geese
5b)	4-4-08	3-28-08	Sherrie Koell, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, Fish and Game Commission, to Mono County Board of Supervisors	Notice relating to Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing
5c)	4-7-08	3-31-08	Ace D. Atkinson, Executive Director, Developmental Disabilities Area Board #12, to Mono County Board of Supervisors	Reappointment of Joan Stathem to Area Board #12
5d)	4-1-08	4-1-08	Jack Winkler to Mono County Board of Supervisors	Public Comments at Mono County Supervisors' meeting on April 1, 2008

Correspondence on file in Clerk's Office

PUBLIC WORKS

- 6) Bid Opening—Landfill Closure Construction (**Evan Nikirk**)
ACTION: (1) Open, read aloud, and record sealed bids submitted in response to Public Works' Invitation to Bid for closure construction at the Benton and Chalfant landfills. (2) Refer bids to the Public Works Director for review and recommendation. .
Bids submitted: Argen Environmental \$609,313; Marzano & Sons \$583,686; Wood Brothers \$930,493.95; Qualcom \$365,928.70; Gilliam & Sons \$726,175; Pacific Earth \$643,920; Pavetech \$449,949.46; Sierra Equipment \$593,410; Ledcorp \$675,331; Joy Engineering \$1,195,631.20

M08-083

VETERAN SERVICES

- 7)
No Action Veteran Services in Mono County (**Jeff Hollowell and Yvette Mason**)
ACTION: Receive report on veteran services in Mono County.
Services for veterans are coordinated with Inyo County. Jeff Hollowell, Veteran Services Officer and Yvette Mason, Claims Representative, report on their activities and services available for veterans residing in Mono County.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- 8a)
No Action Quarterly Treasury Investment Report (**Brian Muir**)
ACTION: Receive quarterly investment report on the Mono County Treasury Pool.
Finance Director reports that county is in good financial shape; investments are sound and secure at this time.

- 8b)
M08-084 Transient Occupancy Tax Appeal (**Brian Muir**)
ACTION: Hear Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) appeal for June Lake Villager and find that the Transient Occupancy Tax in the amount of \$2,028.49 is past due in addition to tax are penalties in the amount of \$654.19 and interest of \$475.62 all of which should be billed immediately.
Reid/Hazard 5-0

- 8c)
M08-085 Purchase of Space in Sierra Center Mall (**Brian Muir**)
ACTION: (1) Discuss proposal from Doheny V LLC regarding the possible purchase of space in Sierra Center Mall in Mammoth Lakes, California, by the Courts, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the County. (2) Reject proposal and terminate any further negotiations toward purchasing space in Sierra Center Mall.
Hunt/Farnetti 5-0

LUNCH RECESS: 12:00 NOON
RECONVENE: 1:20 P.M.

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Jack Winkler, Mammoth Resident

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 9)
M08-086 Claim for Damages (**Marshall Rudolph**)
ACTION: Consider Claim For Damages presented on or about March 19, 2008, by David R. Schmidt and reject claim in its entirety (as it concerns a road that the county does not own or control). Direct County Counsel to notify claimant.
Hunt/Hazard 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS

- 10a)**
M08-087 Consider Three Options for Energy Upgrades to Bridgeport Facilities (**Kelly Garcia**)
ACTION: Receive staff report presenting three options for first phase of energy upgrades at Courthouse, Annex 1, Annex 2, Memorial Hall, and Probation Department. Confirm that Board prefers the minimum amount of \$374,976 presented by Public Works Department that addresses repairs in Old Courthouse, Memorial Hall, Annex I and II and Probation Department.
Farnetti/Reid 4-0 No Vote: Hazard
- 10b)**
M08-088 Contract for Materials Testing Services (**Evan Nikirk**)
ACTION: Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to execute and administer an agreement with Sierra Geotechnical Services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to provide materials testing services at the Benton and Chalfant landfills related to landfill closure construction. This authorization shall include making minor amendments to said agreement from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments to not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form by County Counsel.
Hunt/Farnetti 5-0
- 10c)**
M08-089 Contract for Surveying and Topographic Mapping Services (**Evan Nikirk**)
ACTION: Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to execute and administer an agreement with Triad/Holmes Associates in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to provide topographic mapping and surveying services at the Benton and Chalfant landfills related to landfill closure construction. This authorization shall include making minor amendments to said agreement from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as to form by County Counsel.
Farnetti/Hunt 5-0

- 10d) Bid Award—Landfill Closure Construction (**Evan Nikirk**)
ACTION: (1) Receive recommendation(s) from Public Works regarding the results of bids opened earlier in the meeting. (2) Award bid to the lowest responsible bidder (name and not-to-exceed amount to be determined based on Public Works' report) for closure construction at the Benton and Chalfant landfills. (3) Authorize the Public Works Director (in consultation with County Counsel) to execute and administer an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder. This authorization shall include making minor amendments to said agreement from time to time as the Public Works Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget and are approved as the form by County Counsel.
Hunt/Farnetti 5-0
- M08-090

- 3:45 p.m. **ADJOURN**
Adjourn meeting to reconvene at the Walker Community Center at 6:p.m.

Reconvene Evening Meeting at Walker Community Center

- 6:08 p.m. **Meeting Called to Order by Chairwoman Bauer**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Fesko, Community Member

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Tim Fesko: The community center needs a PA system; so far no action has been taken. Cliff Sharp concurred with the need for the PA system. Supervisor Reid will follow up with the Board.

Claudia Bonnet, Senior Services Coordinator, said they need more room at the senior center.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 11) Adjourned Board of Supervisors' Meeting in Antelope Valley (**Supervisor Reid**)
ACTION: Conduct a workshop to discuss several community interests including the status of the baseball field renovation, operations and maintenance; the status of County's facility study in Antelope Valley including the community center, paramedic station, senior center and other public facilities; status of IMAAA; status of Mountain Gate Park project; and status of West Walker River fishing season early opener.

Ball Field Update

Kelly Garcia: Baseball field expansion project began last year; now entering into the next phase. Plans for the final design (layout and irrigation) are in Public Works. Will meet with the stakeholders about work to be completed later in the summer. The project should be completed in time for next season. The field will be a public facility with an agreement for school use.

Facilities Study

David Wilbrecht, CAO: The old facilities throughout the County are being reviewed. The consulting team is collecting data about the buildings; in Walker they are looking at the Senior Center, Community Center, and Paramedics building. The data from throughout the County will then be reviewed and the Board will prioritize the projects in order to make decisions. The buildings in Walker will be part of a community visioning process in order to obtain public input about values and goals. This information will be integrated into the facilities study. The plan is to have the facilities study completed by June 30; the visioning process will be done during the spring and summer. The initial plan will determine County needs and the Board will make decisions.

- Supervisor Reid: Reiterated that this process is being done throughout the County and all facilities will need to be prioritized. The Board will evaluate short- and long-term needs, and will consider potential changes in the various communities.
- Supervisor Hazard: At this point it is too early in the process to determine priorities. The Board needs a plan before proceeding. Many factors will be taken into consideration when establishing priorities.

Status of IMAA

Supervisor Reid: There are some problems with the way IMAAA (Inyo-Mono Area Agency on Aging) is structured; have participated in numerous meetings to discuss issues such as restructuring. Mono County would like to make a transition by taking control of the County's program (i.e. receiving its fair share of the money and retaining the employees currently working in Walker). Will continue to work through this issue with Inyo County. The operation will work better if Mono County controls its own program.

Supervisor Hazard: Mono County is diverse and service needs vary between communities. The County needs to better understand the senior population and their needs. The process with Inyo County will continue in order to make the necessary adjustments.

David Wilbrecht, CAO: The total funding (state and federal) available for the program is about \$892,000; Mono County's share is about 32% (according to the joint contract). However, Mono County has been receiving less due to how the contract has been interpreted. The reallocation of funds needs to be handled strategically over time so Inyo County can plan their budget and their seniors are not negatively impacted. Part of the discussion with Inyo County has included the amount of funding used for administrative costs. This process needs to be done carefully.

Mountain Gate Park

Kelly Garcia: The first phase of the project to be funded by a Community Development Block Grant is ready to proceed; improvements will include a rest room, access road to an existing trail, and accessible parking to the restroom. Other grants are available for an information kiosk, acquisition of adjacent property, and additional development on the site. The Board has authorized the bid for restroom installation. If the bid is awarded in June, construction will begin in July and should be completed by the end of summer. Additional site developments include restoration of the old side channel for fishing access, ADA accessible locations for people to fish, fencing and entrance improvements. Land acquisitions will open opportunities for future improvements including a parking area and an accessible trail to Mountain Gate Park.

West Walker River Fishing Season Early Opener

Dave Robbins, Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce, read a petition signed by about 250 residents asking for fishing season to open in early March, and asking the Board to work with the California Department of Fish & Game to promote this request. Would like the Board to represent how important this is to the local economy.

Supervisor Reid: Last week the Board had a joint meeting with the Town Council and Bruce Kinney, CDFG, provided information at that meeting (copies were distributed to the audience). Fish & Game plans to increase the amount of trout stocked. Regarding the question of an earlier season, Kinney didn't rule it out but said it is difficult; if the season starts earlier they will not plant fish earlier. His concern was that fish taken earlier would negatively impact the regular opening day. Robert Dunn was recently appointed to the County's Fisheries Commission in order to give the northern county a voice. Reid said the community should approach the Fisheries Commission first; Dan Lyster, Economic Development Department, is a good contact since he works with the Commission. The Fisheries Commission is well aware of the economic impact; if the community wants to work through them, the Board can provide copies of the petition to Dan Lyster. Dave Robbins indicated that this is what the community wants.

Chairwoman Bauer said other entities, such as the Sheriff's Department, also need to be included in the process. Supervisor Farnetti said the community and the County need to work through the process. Supervisor Hunt agreed; the Board can help move this through the County, but Fish & Game moves slowly. Supervisor Hazard said Kinney indicated that Fish & Game wants to consider early openers on an individual basis. Hazard suggested the community work directly with Fish & Game. The Board can endorse a community request, but the County's influence with Fish & Game isn't great.

David Wilbrecht, CAO, said the community needs to provide a list of their requests.

ADJOURN: 8:03 p.m.

Prior to adjourning, David Wilbrecht distributed copies of an update to the lot-line adjustment policy. Community members asked for more disclosure about permit fees, and asked for changes to become effective at a future date and not as of the date a change is approved. The community needs some lead time. Another suggestion was made that fee amounts at the time an application is submitted apply throughout the process.

Supervisor Reid adjourned the meeting in memory of Josephine W. Duxbury.

Mono County Board of Supervisors will meet in regular session on **May 6, 2008**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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